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Illinois Gas Company,

Petitioner,

Petition for ratification and approval of leases :
for office space, warehouses, and maintenance :
shops in which an affiliated interest exists as :
interest exists as defined under §7-101 of the :
Public Utilities Act. :

Docket No: 01-0668

P E T I T I O N

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

Petitioner, Illinois Gas Company ("Petitioner" or "Illinois Gas"), seeks ratification and approval of a lease in which an affiliated interest exists as defined under §7-101 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") and in support thereof respectfully states that:

1. It is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and is engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to the public in the State of Illinois, and as such, is a public utility within the meaning of an act entitled, "The Public Utilities Act", now in force in Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Illinois Real Estate Company, an Illinois Corporation which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Avery Dewing Corporation, owns real estate and improvements located at 1004 State Street, Lawrenceville, Illinois; 215 North Walnut Street, Olney, Illinois; and 215 North Kitchell, Olney, Illinois, which properties were previously owned by Utilities Real Estate Company.

3. Petitioner previously leased said properties from Utilities Real Estate Company and received approval of those leases from this Commission on August 9, 1995 in Docket

Number 95-0189.

4. The approved prior leases on said properties terminated December 31, 2000, and Petitioner and Illinois Real Estate Company renegotiated and executed a new lease, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and fully incorporated by this reference, entered as of January 1, 2001, and which is substantially identical, with the exceptions of consolidating the three leases into a single lease, the amounts for rental, and the time period of the lease, to the leases approved in Docket No. 95-0189.

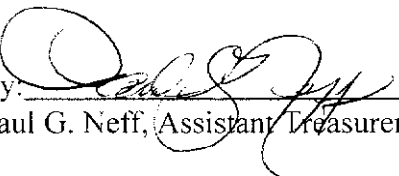
5. The ownership, officers, and directors of Illinois Gas Company and Avery Dewing Corporation are such that an affiliated interest exists as defined in §7-101 of the Act.

6. The described lease, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is in the public interest, and execution of the same, and the actions previously taken by the Petitioner under Exhibit A should be ratified and that the future actions required of the petitioner, pursuant to said exhibit should be approved.

WHEREFORE, Illinois Gas respectfully prays that an Order be entered by this Commission ratifying and approving the lease described herein for office space, warehouse space, and maintenance shops in which an affiliated interest exists as defined in §7-101 of the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

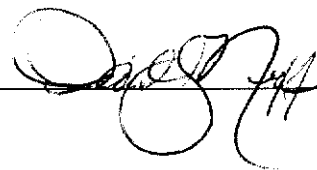
ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY, petitioner

By: 
Paul G. Neff, Assistant Treasurer

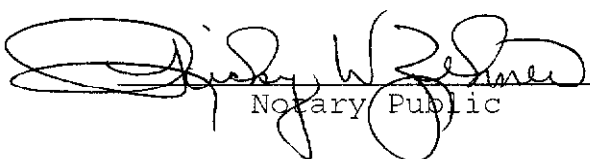
Verification

State of Illinois)
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County of Lawrence)

Paul G. Neff, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller of Illinois Gas Company, that he has read the foregoing Petition, and that the facts and matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, and belief, and that he is authorized to execute this Verification on behalf of Illinois Gas Company.



Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of August, 2001.



Notary Public

